

# A BOHL–BOHR–KADETS TYPE THEOREM CHARACTERIZING BANACH SPACES NOT CONTAINING $c_0$

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**ABSTRACT.** We prove that a separable Banach space  $E$  does not contain a copy of the space  $c_0$  of null-sequences if and only if for every doubly power-bounded operator  $T$  on  $E$  and for every vector  $x \in E$  the relative compactness of the sets  $\{T^{n+m}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (for some/all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ) and  $\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  are equivalent. With the help of the Jacobs–de Leeuw–Glicksberg decomposition of strongly compact semigroups the case of (not necessarily invertible) power-bounded operators is also handled.

This note concerns the following problem: Given a Banach space  $E$ , a bounded linear operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  and a vector  $x \in E$ , we would like to conclude the relative compactness of the orbit

$$\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

from the relative compactness of the consecutive differences of the iterates

$$\{T^{n+1}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E.$$

This problem is a discrete, “linear operator analogue” of the classical Bohl–Bohr theorem about the integration of almost periodic functions. Before going to the results let us explain this connection.

Given a (Bohr) almost periodic function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with its integral  $F(t) = \int_0^t f(s)ds$  bounded, then  $F$  is almost periodic itself. This result was extended to Banach space valued almost periodic functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$  by M. I. Kadets [7], provided that  $E$  does not contain an isomorphic copy of the Banach space  $c_0$  of null-sequences. Actually, the validity of this integration result for *every* almost periodic function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$  characterizes the absence of  $c_0$  in the Banach space  $E$ .

The generalization of Kadets’ result—which explains the connection to our problem—was studied by Basit for functions  $f : G \rightarrow E$  defined on a group  $G$  and taking values in the Banach space  $E$  (for simplicity suppose now  $G$  to be Abelian). In [2] Basit proved that if  $F : G \rightarrow E$  is a bounded function with almost periodic difference functions

$$F(\cdot + g) - F(\cdot) \quad \text{for all } g \in G,$$

and  $E$  does not contain  $c_0$ , then  $F$  is almost periodic. The relation to Kadets’ result is the following: If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$  is almost periodic, so is  $F_\varepsilon(t) := \int_t^{t+\varepsilon} f(s)ds$

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for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . So Kadets' theorem tells that if  $F(t) = \int_0^t f(s)ds$  is bounded and  $E$  does not contain  $c_0$ , then the almost periodicity of

$$F(\cdot + \varepsilon) - F(\cdot) \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0$$

implies that of  $F$ .

Now returning to our problem, suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is *doubly power-bounded* (i.e.,  $T, T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  are both power-bounded). Then by applying Basit's result to the function  $F : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow E$ ,  $F(n) := T^n x$ , we obtain that  $\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is relatively compact in  $E$  if

$$\{T^{n+m} x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{is relatively compact for all } m \in \mathbb{Z},$$

for which it suffices that

$$\{T^{n+1} x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{is relatively compact.}$$

Let us record this latter fact in the next lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a power-bounded operator. If for some  $x \in E$  the set*

$$\{T^{n+1} x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

*is relatively compact, then so is the set*

$$\{T^{n+m} x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

*for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Denote by  $D_1$  the first set and by  $D_m$  the second one. We may suppose  $m \geq 2$ . By continuity of  $T$  the sets  $TD_1, T^2 D_1, T^{m-1} D_1$  are all relatively compact. Since

$T^{m+n} x - T^n x = T^{m-1}(T^n x - x) + T^{m-2}(T^n x - x) + \cdots + T(T^n x - x) + (T^n x - x)$ , we obtain  $D_m \subseteq TD_1 + T^2 D_1 + \cdots + T^{m-1} D_1$  implying the relative compactness of  $D_m$ .  $\square$

So our problem can be answered satisfactorily for doubly power-bounded operators on Banach spaces not containing  $c_0$ . The situation is different if  $T$  is non-invertible, or invertible but with not power-bounded inverse. To enlighten what may be true in such a situation, let us recall a result of Ruess and Summers, who considered the generalization of the Bohl–Bohr–Kadets result for functions  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow E$ , see [8, Thm. 2.2.2] or [9, Thm. 4.3].

Given an *asymptotically almost periodic* function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow E$ , one can find an *almost periodic* one  $f_r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow E$  and another function  $f_s : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow E$  vanishing at infinity such that  $f = f_s + f_r$ . Ruess and Summers proved the following. Suppose  $f$  is asymptotically almost periodic with

$$F(t) := \int_0^t f(s)ds \quad \text{bounded,}$$

and the improper Riemann integral of  $f_s$  exists in  $E$ . If  $E$  does not contain  $c_0$  then  $F$  is asymptotically almost periodic. For details and discussion we refer to [8, Sec. 2.2]. As we see, a Jacobs–de Leeuw–Glicksberg type decomposition plays an essential role here.

Our main result, Corollary 12, provides the solution to the very first problem concerning power-bounded operators in this spirit. It contains the mentioned special case of Bolis' result when  $T$  is doubly power-bounded. For stating the result we first need some preparations, explaining an analogue of the decomposition above used by Ruess and Summers. Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ , which is from now on always assumed to be power-bounded. A vector  $x \in E$  is called *asymptotically almost periodic* (a.a.p. for short) with respect to  $T$  if the (forward) orbit

$$\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

is relatively compact. Denote by  $E_{\text{aap}}$  the collection of a.a.p. vectors, which is a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $E$ . We shall need the following form of the Jacobs-de Leeuw-Glicksberg decomposition for operators with relatively compact (forward) orbits; see [5, Chapter 16], or [6, Thm V.2.14] where the proof is explained for continuously parametrized semigroups instead of semigroups of the form  $\{T^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (the proof is nevertheless the same).

**Theorem 2** (Jacobs-de Leeuw-Glicksberg). *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  have relatively compact orbits ( $T$  is hence power-bounded). Then there is a projection  $P \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  commuting with  $T$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} E_r &:= \text{rg } P = \{x \in E : Tx = \lambda x \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, |\lambda| = 1\}, \\ E_s &:= \text{rg}(I - P) = \ker P = \{x \in E : T^n x \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } n \rightarrow \infty\}. \end{aligned}$$

The restriction of  $T$  to  $E_r$  is a doubly power-bounded operator.

Note that the occurring subspaces and the projection depend on the linear operator  $T$  and—for the sake of better legibility, we chose not to reflect this dependence in notation. Now, we can apply this decomposition to a given power-bounded  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ , or more precisely to the restriction of  $T$  to  $E_{\text{aap}}$ . We therefore obtain a decomposition

$$E_{\text{aap}} = \text{rg } P \oplus \ker P = E_r \oplus E_s,$$

note that  $E_r, E_s \subseteq E_{\text{aap}}$ ;  $E_s$  is called the stable while  $E_r$  the reversible subspace. On  $\text{rg } P$  the restriction of  $T$  is a doubly power-bounded, and

$$\{T^n|_{E_r} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

is a strongly compact group of operators.

**Remark 3.** Now suppose that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is even doubly power-bounded. Then in the above decomposition  $E_s = \{0\}$  must hold. So if  $x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ , then even the backward orbit is relatively compact, i.e.

$$\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ is relatively compact.}$$

A vector  $x \in E_r$  is also called *almost periodic*.

Lemma 1 tells that for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m \geq n$  we have  $(T^m - T^n)x \in E_{\text{aap}}$  whenever  $(T - I)x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ .

We are interested in whether  $x \in E_{\text{aap}}$  if  $(T - I)x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ . The answer would be trivially “yes”, if we knew that  $T^n x - x$  actually converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Here is a slightly more complicated view on trivial fact:

**Remark 4.** a) Suppose we know  $x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ . Then we can apply  $I - P$  to  $x$  and obtain

$$(I - P)(T^n - I)x = (I - P)(T^n x - x) = T^n(I - P)x - (I - P)x \rightarrow (P - I)x$$

for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence if  $x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ , then  $(I - P)(T^n - I)x$  must be convergent.

b) Suppose that  $(I - P)(T^n - I)x$  converges for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (note again that  $T^n x - x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ , so we can apply the projection  $I - P$  to it). If  $(T - I)x \in E_{\text{aap}}$  belongs even to the stable part, then  $(T^n - I)x \in E_s$ , so  $(I - P)(T^n - I)x = (T^n - I)x$ . Hence  $T^n x - x$  converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by assumption, implying  $x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ .

It remains to study the case when  $(T - I)x \in E_r = \text{rg } P$ . The next is a preparatory lemma.

**Lemma 5.** *Suppose  $x$  is not an a.a.p. vector but  $(T - I)x \in E_{\text{aap}}$ . Furthermore, suppose that  $(I - P)(T^n x - x)$  converges. Then there is a  $\delta > 0$  and a subsequence  $(n_k)$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$\|P(T^{n_k} x - T^{n_\ell} x)\| \geq \delta \quad \text{for all } k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}, k \neq \ell.$$

*Proof.* By the non-a.a.p. assumption there is a subsequence  $(n_k)$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  and a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|T^{n_k} x - T^{n_\ell} x\| > 2\delta$  for  $\ell \neq k$ . By the other assumption, however,  $(I - P)(T^{n_k} x - x)$  is a Cauchy-sequence so when leaving out finitely many members, we can pass to a subsequence with  $\|(I - P)(T^{n_k} x - T^{n_\ell} x)\| < \delta$  for all  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\ell, k \geq k_0$ . The assertion follows from this.  $\square$

Note that in the situation of this lemma we necessarily have  $\|P\| > 0$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space, let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be power-bounded, and let  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in E$  be a.a.p. vectors. For every sequence  $(n_k) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  there is a subsequence  $(n'_k)$  with  $n'_k - n'_{k-1} \rightarrow \infty$  and*

$$\|T^{n'_k} x_i - T^{n'_{k-1}} x_i\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, m \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.* Consider the Banach space  $X = E^m$  and the diagonal operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  defined by  $S(y_i) = (Ty_i)$ . This is trivially power-bounded and  $(x_i) \in X$  is an a.a.p. vector. The assertion follows from this, since  $(S^{n_k}(x_i))$  has a Cauchy subsequence  $(S^{n'_k}(x_i))$  with  $n'_k - n'_{k-1} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

We now come to the answer of the initial question.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $E$  be Banach space which does not contain an isomorphic copy of  $c_0$ , and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a power-bounded operator. If  $x \in E$  and  $(T - I)x$  is an a.a.p. vector with  $(I - P)(T^n - I)x$  convergent for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x$  itself is a.a.p. vector.*

The proof is by contradiction, i.e., we suppose that there is some  $x \in E$  satisfying the assumptions of the theorem but being not asymptotically almost periodic. The contradiction arises then by finding a copy of  $c_0$  in  $E$ , for which we shall use the classical result of Bessaga and Pełczyński [3] in the following form, see also [4, Thms. 6 and 8].

**Theorem 8** (Bessaga–Pełczyński). *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $x_n \in E$  be vectors such that the partial sums are unconditionally bounded (i.e.,  $\sum_{j=1}^N x_{n_j}$  are uniformly bounded for all subsequences  $(n_j)$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ ) and such that the series  $\sum x_i$  is nonconvergent. Then  $E$  contains a copy of  $c_0$ .*

The idea of the proof is based on Basit's paper, but it is not a direct modification, since we do not know whether we can apply the projections  $P$  to  $x$  or to  $Tx$ .

*Proof of Theorem 7.* We argue indirectly. Assume that  $x \notin E_{\text{aap}}$ , so by Lemma 5 we can take a subsequence  $(n_k)$  and a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|P(T^{n_k}x - T^{n_\ell}x)\| > \delta$  for all  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \neq \ell$ . Next we construct a sequence that fulfills the conditions of the Bessaga-Pelczynski Theorem 8, hence exhibiting a copy of  $c_0$  in  $E$ . First of all let  $M := \max(\sup\{\|T^n|_{E_r}\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \sup\{\|T^n\| : n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \|P\|)$ . Take  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|P(T^{k_1}x - x)\| > \delta/M$  (use Lemma 5), and suppose that the strictly increasing finite sequence  $k_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  is already chosen. For a subset  $F \subset \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  denote by  $\Sigma F$  the sum  $\sum_{i \in F} k_i$  (if  $F = \emptyset$ , then  $\Sigma F = 0$ ). Each of the finitely many vectors  $T^{\Sigma F}x - x$  belongs to  $E_{\text{aap}}$  by Lemma 1. By using Lemma 6 we find  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k - \ell > k_m$  such that

$$\|T^{n_k}(T^{\Sigma F}x - x) - T^{n_\ell}(T^{\Sigma F}x - x)\| \leq \frac{1}{M2^m} \quad \text{for all } F \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

By setting  $k_{m+1} := n_k - n_\ell$  we obtain

$$(1) \quad \|T^{k_{m+1}}P(T^{\Sigma F}x - x) - P(T^{\Sigma F}x - x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2^m}$$

for all  $F \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ . We also have

$$M\|P(T^{k_{m+1}}x - x)\| \geq \|T^{n_\ell}P(T^{k_{m+1}}x - x)\| = \|P(T^{n_k}x - T^{n_\ell}x)\| \geq \delta,$$

and hence we obtain

$$\|P(T^{k_{m+1}}x - x)\| \geq \frac{\delta}{M}.$$

Let  $x_i := P(T^{k_i}x - x)$ . We claim that the sequence  $(x_i)$  fulfills the conditions of Theorem 8. Indeed, we have  $\|x_i\| \geq \delta/M$  by construction so the series  $\sum x_i$  cannot be convergent. For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j} &= T^{k_{i_m}}P\left(T^{k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_{m-1}}}x - x\right) - P\left(T^{k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_{m-1}}}x - x\right) \\ &\quad + T^{k_{i_{m-1}}}P\left(T^{k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_{m-2}}}x - x\right) - P\left(T^{k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_{m-2}}}x - x\right) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + T^{k_{i_2}}P\left(T^{k_{i_1}}x - x\right) - P\left(T^{k_{i_1}}x - x\right) \\ &\quad + P(x - T^{k_{i_1} + \dots + k_{i_m}}x). \end{aligned}$$

By (1) we obtain

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j} \right\| \leq \sum_{j=2}^m \frac{1}{2^{i_j-1}} + M\|x\| + M^2\|x\| \leq M' < +\infty.$$

It follows that  $E$  contains a copy of  $c_0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

If  $T$  is doubly power-bounded, then by Remark 3 we have  $E_s = \{0\}$ , and hence  $(I - P) = 0$ . So we obtain the following special case of Basit's more general result:

**Corollary 9** (Basis). *Let  $E$  be Banach space  $E$  which does not contain a copy of  $c_0$ , and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a doubly power-bounded operator. If  $x \in E$  and  $(T - I)x$  is an a.a.p. vector, then so is  $x$  itself.*

The above results are certainly not valid for arbitrary Banach spaces. A counterexample is actually provided by the very same one showing that the analogue of the Bohl–Bohr theorem fails for arbitrary Banach-valued functions, see [7] or [9, Sec. 2.1].

**Example 10.** Consider  $E = \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}; c_0)$ , and  $T$  the shift by  $a > 0$ , and  $x(t) := (\sin \frac{t}{2^n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Then  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is doubly power-bounded, and we have

$$\left| \sin \frac{t+h}{2^n} - \sin \frac{t}{2^n} \right| = \left| \sin \frac{h}{2^{n+1}} \cos \frac{2t+h}{2^{n+1}} \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  if  $|h|$  is sufficiently small, therefore  $x \in \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}; c_0)$ . On the other hand  $x$  is not an a.a.p. vector since the set

$$\left\{ (\sin \frac{t+ma}{2^n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : m \in \mathbb{N}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq c_0$$

is not relatively compact. On the other hand,

$$y(t) := [(T - I)x](t) = (\sin \frac{t+a}{2^n} - \sin \frac{t}{2^n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\sin \frac{a}{2^{n+1}} \cos \frac{2t+a}{2^{n+1}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is almost periodic, because  $y(t)_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next we show that on  $c_0$  itself there is bounded linear operator satisfying the assumptions of Theorem 7 but for which the conclusion of that theorem fails to hold.

**Example 11.** It suffices to exhibit an example on  $E := c$ . Let  $(a_n) \in c$  be a sequence with  $|a_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a_n \neq b := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define

$$T(x_n) := (a_n x_n).$$

Then  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  with  $\|T\| = 1$ . Moreover,  $T$  is invertible and doubly power-bounded. Since the standard basis vectors of  $c_0$  are eigenvectors of  $T$  corresponding to unimodular eigenvalues, they all belong to  $E_r$ , and hence  $c_0 \subseteq E_r \subseteq E_{\text{aap}}$ . Moreover, since  $T$  is doubly power-bounded we have  $E_s = \{0\}$ ,  $I - P = 0$ , and the condition “ $(I - P)(T^n x - x)$  converges” is trivially satisfied for every  $x \in E$ . Not all vectors are a.a.p. with respect to  $T$ . It suffices to prove this for the case when  $b = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 1$ , otherwise we can pass to the operator  $b^{-1}T$ , which has precisely the same a.a.p. vectors as  $T$ . Now suppose by contradiction that  $E = E_{\text{aap}}$  holds. Then  $T$  is mean ergodic on  $E$ , which is equivalent to the fact that  $\ker(T - I)$  separates  $\ker(T' - I)$ , see, e.g., [5, Ch. 8]. But this is false, as  $\dim \ker(T - I) = 0$  and  $\dim \ker(T' - I) \geq 1$ . Hence  $E \neq E_{\text{aap}}$  and it also follows that  $E_r = E_{\text{aap}} = c_0$ .

Finally, we indeed suppose  $b = 1$ . Then, since  $\text{ran}(T - I) \subseteq c_0 = E_{\text{aap}}$ , we obtain that  $(T - I)x$  is a.a.p., for every  $x \in E$ , but not all  $x \in E$  belongs to  $E_{\text{aap}}$ .

By [1, Sec. 2.5] if  $c_0$  is a closed subspace in a separable Banach space, then it is complemented in there. Thus Example 11 in combination with Theorem 7 yields the following:

**Corollary 12.** *For a separable Banach space  $E$  the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The Banach space  $E$  does not contain a copy of  $c_0$ .*

(ii) For every power-bounded linear operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  and  $x \in E$  the orbit

$$\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

is relatively compact if and only if

$$\{T^{n+1}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

is relatively compact and  $(I - P)(T^n x - x)$  is convergent for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We close this paper by two consequences of the previous results, interesting in their own right:

**Corollary 13.** *Let  $E$  be Banach space not containing  $c_0$ . Then for every  $x \in E$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  doubly power-bounded operator and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , the relative compactness of the two sets*

$$D_1 := \{T^{n+1}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

and

$$D_m := \{T^{n+m}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq E$$

are equivalent.

*Proof.* If  $D_m$  is relatively compact, then so is  $\{T^{n+m}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and by Corollary 9 even  $\{T^{n+m}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . By the continuity of  $T$  the set  $B_k := \{T^{n+m+k}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact for all  $k = 0, \dots, m-1$ . Since

$$\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_{m-1},$$

the relative compactness of the (forward) orbit of  $x$  follows. But this implies the relative compactness of  $D_1$ . That the relative compactness of  $D_1$  implies that of  $D_m$ , is true without any assumption on the Banach space  $E$ , see Lemma 1.  $\square$

**Example 14.** Let  $E := c$  and for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 2$  fixed let  $T$  be as in Example 10 with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b \in \mathbb{C}$  an  $m^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. Then we have  $E_{\text{aap}} = E_r = c_0$ . Since  $\text{rg}(T^m - I) \subseteq c_0$  and  $\text{rg}(T - I) \subseteq c_0 + (b-1)\mathbf{1}$  ( $\mathbf{1}$  is the constant 1 sequence), we obtain that for this doubly power-bounded operator  $T$  and for every  $x \in E$  the set  $D_m$  as in Corollary 13 is compact, while  $D_1$  is not.

Similarly as for Corollary 12, we obtain from Corollary 13 and Example 14 the next characterization.

**Corollary 15.** *A separable Banach space  $E$  does not contain a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if for every  $x \in E$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  doubly power-bounded operator and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  the compactness of the two sets*

$$\{T^{n+1}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

and

$$\{T^{n+m}x - T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

are equivalent.

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